

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) An anti-microbial composition comprising:
- (i) a C₁ to C₄ monohydric alcohol carrier fluid, present at a level of at least 50% by weight of the total composition, ~~(excluding any volatile propellant present);~~
 - (ii) an iron (III) chelator selected from the group consisting of:
 - (a) N,N'-ethylenebis[2-(2-hydroxyphenyl)glycine],
 - (b) triethylenetetraaminehexaacetic acid, and
 - (c) diethylenetriaminepentaacetic acid, —
 - (iii) a solubility promoter selected from the group consisting of:
 - (a) water;
 - (b) an organic amine;
 - (c) a polyhydric alcohol or derivative thereof;
 - (d) a volatile propellant having fluorine-carbon or oxygen-carbon bonds;
 - (e) any combination of (a) to (d).
2. (Original) An anti-microbial composition according to claim 1, that is a deodorant composition for use on the human body or on apparel worn in close proximity thereto.
3. (Previously Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to claim 1, that is a homogeneous solution.
4. (Original) An anti-microbial composition according to claim 3, that is a homogeneous solution in aqueous ethanol.
5. (Previously Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of C₁-C₄ monohydric alcohol carrier fluid to water is greater than 65:35.

6. (Previously Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of C₁-C₄ monohydric alcohol carrier fluid to water is greater than 75:25 and the solubility promoter comprises an organic amine.

7. (Currently Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to claim 6, wherein the organic amine is present at a level sufficient to ~~neutralise~~ neutralize at least 60% of any acid groups on the iron (III) chelator.

8. (Currently Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to claim 6, wherein the organic amine is present at a level sufficient to lead to an aqueous solution of the chelator salt having a pH of between 6 and 8 (at a molar concentration of chelator salt equal to that present in the composition).

9. (Previously Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to claim 1, wherein the iron (III) chelator has a binding coefficient for iron (III) of greater than 10²⁶.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to claim 1, wherein the chelator is present at a concentration of 0.01% to 10% by weight of the composition, excluding any volatile propellant present.

14. (Previously Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to claim 1, comprising an additional anti-microbial agent.

15. (Original) An anti-microbial composition according to claim 14 wherein the additional anti-microbial agent is a cationic bactericide.

16. (Previously Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to claim 1, comprising fragrance material at up to 4% by weight of the composition, excluding any volatile propellant present.

17. (Previously Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to claim 1, that comprises a volatile propellant.

18. (Original) An anti-microbial composition according to claim 17, wherein the volatile propellant comprises from 30 to 99% by weight of the total composition.

19. (Original) An anti-microbial composition according to claim 18, that comprises greater than 40% by weight of volatile propellant and a solubility promoter selected from the group comprising:

- (a) an organic amine free of any N-H bonds and/or O-H bonds;
- (b) an organic amine and a polyhydric alcohol or derivative thereof;
- (c) an organic amine and a volatile propellant having fluorine-carbon or oxygen-carbon bonds.

20. (Previously Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to claim 17, wherein the weight ratio of C₁-C₄ monohydric alcohol carrier fluid to water is between 95:5 and 99:1.

21. (Previously Amended) An anti-microbial composition according to claim 17, wherein the weight ratio of C₁-C₄ monohydric alcohol carrier fluid to water is greater than 99:1.

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Cancelled)

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27. (Currently Amended) An anti-microbial composition comprising:

- (i) a C₁ to C₄ monhydric alcohol carrier fluid, present at a level of greater than 50% by weight of the total composition, ~~(excluding any volatile propellant present);~~
 - (ii) an iron (III) chelator selected from the group consisting of:
 - (a) N,N'-ethylenebis[2-(2-hydroxyphenyl)glycine],
 - (b) triethylenetetraaminehexaacetic acid, and
 - (c) diethylenetriaminepentaacetic acidand
 - (iii) water as a solubility promoter.
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